

**EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**



**Agenda of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of
East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

Thursday, March 23, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

CORTEZ HALL

**12937 North Cortez Avenue
Turlock, California 95380**

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BOARD MEMBERS

Ward Burroughs, Eastside Water District Chairman
Tim Johnson, Eastside Water District Alternate and Treasurer
Dirk Ulrich, Ballico-Cortez Water District and Vice Chairman
Dennis Yotsuya, Ballico Cortez Water District Alternate
Lloyd Pareira, Merced County
Lacey McBride, Merced County Alternate
Hicham ElTal, Merced Irrigation District
Matt Beaman, Merced Irrigation District Alternate
Vito Chiesa, Stanislaus County
Christy McKinnon, Stanislaus County Alternate

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Interested persons in the audience are welcome to introduce any topic within the Agency's jurisdiction. No action may be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that the Board may briefly respond to the comments, refer the matter to staff, or request it be placed on a future agenda.

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3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Action to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2023 East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency regular board meeting.
- b. Action to approve 2022-2023 six-month budget changes as presented at the February 23 board meeting.
- c. Action to distribute Request for Proposal for Proposition 218 Fee Study
- d. Action to support an ACWA-sponsored coalition that will submit letters of opposition on three water rights bills that threaten California's water rights system

4. TREASURY REPORT AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

Action to accept the Treasurer's Report (*including process for reviewing invoices*), monthly budget report, approve the payment of the March 2023 bills as presented, and transfer \$86,945.49 from the Eastside Water District Loan Fund into the General Fund for previous EKI water accounting invoices that are covered by the loan.

5. EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY 2021-2022 FISCAL AUDIT

Independent Auditor, Kip Hudson will present the audit to the board for review, with adoption at the April board meeting.

6. COMPLETION AND CERTIFICATION OF FINAL PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (PEIR)

Kelley Sterle, ESA, will give a presentation on the completion of the final PIER. Following the presentation, the board will be asked to adopt Resolution 2023-03 supporting the certification of the PIER and authorizing the board secretary to file Notices of Determination on behalf of the ETS GSA at the Merced and Stanislaus County Clerk offices. Only recording fees will need to be paid as the CDFW fee was already paid with WTS GSA's filing as the lead agency.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING AND UPDATES

At this time, Board members will discuss and may take action on other GSP matters of concern, including.

- a. Working schedule for Implementation Support Activities through July 2023
- b. Overview of the Second Annual GSP Implementation Report
- c. Status of Groundwater Monitoring Program
- d. Discussion of policies to promote surface water usage
- e. Discussion of Mustang Creek, Dry Creek and Sand Creek discharge monitoring and management

8. APPLICATION FOR MULTI-BENEFIT LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

Brief presentation of an overview and status of application to obtain a grant from the California Department of Conservation to develop a Multi-benefit Agricultural Land Repurposing Plan, obtain a block grant to support land repurposing pilot projects, build capacity for plan implementation, and monitor program results. After the presentation, the Board will be asked to adopt Resolution 2023-04 to enter into a grant agreement with the Department of Conservation if the application is approved.

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9. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Lauren Layne/Jessica Johnson will provide a report to the board on legal items that could affect the agency and its member entities. Discussion item only.

- a. Turlock Subbasin Proposed Water Accounting Framework
- b. Legislation

10. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Board Members may provide a brief report on notable topics of interest. The Brown Act does not allow discussion or action by the Legislative Body.

11. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—POTENTIAL LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 case).

12. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular scheduled board meeting is Thursday, April 27, 2023, 9:00 a.m. at Cortez Hall

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